

13 December 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Warning Working Group Meeting, 8 December 1978 []

X1 1. The Warning Working Group met at Headquarters on 8 December.
[] was absent. [] and []
X1 were present with their principals. []

X1 3. The Chairman tabled a proposed relationships paper prepared by
RMS, noting that the Working Group should discuss this at a future
meeting. []

X1 4. In response to Mr. Oleson's suggestion at the previous meeting,
the Chairman said he had experimented with a footnote to NIO memoranda
but had discovered that such a standard footnote looked peculiar on a
personal memorandum not intended for broad distribution. He proposed
instead to request the NIOs to incorporate a statement of purpose in
their texts. []

X1 5. Referring to the discussion of the previous meeting on NIT II.1,
the Chairman said he had concluded that at the next review it would
probably be desirable to separate the question of warning from the
question of concealment and deception and treat the latter more broadly. []

X1 6. Finally, the Chairman reported that he had discussed Admiral
[] request regarding DDO contribution to the NIOs' monthly
meetings with the ADDO, who had agreed this could be done as long as
specific sources were not revealed. []

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X1 8. There followed a discussion of procedures for Alert Memoranda. The Chairman asked whether there were any suggested changes in the procedures adopted by USIB on 15 December 75. No major changes were suggested but a few technical points were made:

- Members of the Warning Working Group (except Mr. Oleson) should be notified when an Alert Memorandum is laid on. NIO/W will take responsibility for this.
- The NIOs should be reminded to notify their Community colleagues at this point also.
- Members of the Working Group (again except Mr. Oleson) should be on the standard distribution of Alert Memoranda.
- CTS should take responsibility for preparation of the "collection" paragraph of the Alert Memorandum. NIO/W will arrange this with the NIOs. []

X1 9. The question was raised as to whether any details were known about the congressional interest in a status report in January. The Chairman said that he doubted that Congress would want such a report until it had organized itself. He planned to take the initiative and inform the Congress next week that we would be ready to appear on 15 January. []

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Richard Lenman
NIO/Warning

Attachments (3)

Distribution:

- 1 - WWG members
- 1 - [] NITC
- 1 - Warning Working Group File
- 1 - NIO/W Chrono
- 1 - NFAC Registry

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15 December 1975

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Procedures for Alert Memoranda

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-28.5/11, 21 November 1975
b. USIB-D-28.5/8, 9 January 1975

On 15 December the United States Intelligence Board approved the subject procedures (as amended). Accordingly, a copy of the final USIB-approved Procedures for Alert Memoranda, which supersede reference b., is attached hereto for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Executive Secretary

Attachment

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PROCEDURES FOR ALERT MEMORANDA

1. The Alert Memorandum (AM) is an interagency publication issued by the DCI on behalf of the Community. It provides explicit warning from the Director himself of possible developments abroad of major concern to the U.S. The AM is signed by the DCI, addressed to the members of WSAG, and disseminated, inter alia, to all USIB Principals and, via electrical transmission, appropriate embassies and field elements.

2. An AM may be initiated by the DCI or may be proposed by a USIB Principal, by a National Intelligence Officer (NIO), or by (or through) any other senior officer of the intelligence or foreign affairs communities. A proposal for an AM will be addressed to the DCI or the appropriate NIO. But, the decision to issue an AM will in all instances rest with the DCI.

3. Responsibility for the production of an AM will normally rest with the appropriate NIO, and he may call on any element of the Intelligence Community for support. Whenever possible, the NIO will coordinate a draft of the AM with appropriate USIB agencies, and dissenting views, if any, will be described in the Memorandum. The DCI, however, may authorize the NIO to limit or forego coordination when time is of the essence. All AMs will note the extent of coordination within the Community.

4. At the earliest possible time, the NIO should notify appropriate USIB agencies of the decision to produce an Alert Memorandum. * When time permits, he should also indicate the source of information that led to the decision, the extent of coordination being sought, the amount of assistance (if any) desired, and the likely time of issuance. When feasible, appropriate U. S. embassies and field elements should also be notified that an Alert Memorandum is being prepared and their views should be solicited.

*When feasible, NOIWON or other conferencing procedures may be used to so notify.

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An AM will in most circumstances be a discrete paper which provides the basic rationale for the issuance of a warning. Occasionally, however, an AM may consist simply of a covering memorandum attached to an existing intelligence document, suggesting in essence that the policymaker should focus on the situation reported in the basic document.

5. An AM will also clearly indicate what special actions are being taken by the Community to ensure effective coverage of the situation, e.g., the initiation of special collection efforts, the establishment of crisis task forces, etc.

6. A supplementary AM on a crisis should be produced whenever, in the view of the DCI, the crisis has greatly intensified or changed in some especially significant way. The NIO should issue an appropriate advisory to the recipients of an AM whenever, in his judgment, events indicate that the crisis at hand has abated or terminated (unless that fact is apparent to all). Collection efforts arising from the issuance of the alert should also be modified or cancelled as appropriate.

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27 October 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director, Resource Management Staff

FROM : Richard Lehman
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT : Relations with the National Warning System

1. Attached is an outline prepared by Ted Shackley to define in general terms the relationship between CTS, the NIO for Warning, and the Warning Working Group.

2. As I travel around and educate myself in this business, I discover that a number of people expect me to be a voice for warning concerns in the budget process at the national level. I am fully aware that the warning component of the budget cannot be isolated, much less quantified, and I am not looking for authority or seeking to establish yet another cumbersome staff arrangement. Rather, I think there may well be times when advice on the warning value of individual systems and budget items might be called for at the national level. The very fact that warning is such a slippery creature in management terms could make this very valuable.

3. I am therefore requesting that you have a comparable document drafted for us to consider in the Working Group. We would, of course, invite you or your representative to participate, and any understanding we arrive at will have to be a joint one.

Richard Lehman

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